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Dear Professor Lederberg:

Thank you very much for sending me a reprint of your paper, "A Crisis in Evolution." The message is an impressive one. As a social scientist, I am pleased to see a biological scientist sounding an alarm to his colleagues--advising them that they must ready themselves for a day when their judgments will go into the making of social decisions for man.

One of the things that disturbs me--which I intend covering in the final chapter of my forthcoming book--is that too many scientists, influenced by the dictates of grantsmanship, have learned to confuse ends and means. If this is actually so, I fear that they may thereby detract from their own effectiveness.

If you should publish any additional papers bearing on the theme of "A Crisis in Evolution," I would be pleased to see them. Hopefully, however, I must finish my book by the end of July. If you should be interested in seeing the final chapter, in which I take up a number of emerging problems growing out of the current biomedical revolution, I would be glad to send it to you.

Sincerely,

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